

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Federico Peña as Secretary of Energy.

House committees ordered reported 19 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2157–S2220*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 426–434. **Page S2206**

#### Measures Passed:

*Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act:* Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 410, to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2219–20**

**Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Pages S2173–S2201**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, March 13, 1997.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 30 EX), Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

**Pages S2157–63, S2171–73**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Letitia Chambers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

James Catherwood Hormel, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Prezell R. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. **Page S2220**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—30). **Page S2173**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 13, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2220.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the ballistic missile defense program, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.